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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: LECOMTE et al

Serial No.: 09/897,464

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For: Method And Device For Processing A Gas Containing  
Hydrogen Sulfide And Sulfur Dioxide Comprising A  
Stage Of Removal Of Solid By-Products

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: K. McHenry

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
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September 17, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.